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SECTION C

All Selections Are Made For Forthcoming Baseball Tournament

Out of 32 clubs to pay an entrance fee to participate in the forthcoming Southern California Baseball Tournament, to be held here beginning Aug. 3, 16 were selected Friday night for competitive play which will run nightly until Sept. 2. Dale Riley, tournament co-ordinator, announced.

Seven newcomers are in the line-up for this year with strong clubs that bear threats to old timers such as Bondy's All Stars, Rosebell Plumbers, Torrance American Legion, Standard Oil of El Segundo, Signal Oil, Sky Lane Club, Arcadia and Pacific Clay Products.

The seven newcomers, all of which possess enviable records on the diamond, are Long Beach Rockets, Dedeaux Trojans, San Pedro Merchants, Club 89, Burke's Giants, Southwest Dodgers and the L. A. Cubs. The United Rubber Workers, C.I.O., will serve as the alternate team, Riley said. In choosing the 16 partici-

PLANE RIDE MAKES BEAVERS AIR SICK, WARDEN-PILOT SAYS

Beavers like humans are subject to air sickness, so reports Al Reese, warden-pilot for the Division of Fish and Game. Reese reports that on a recent plane ride to a beaver dam in the inaccessible back country that three of the five beavers he was moving to a new location appeared to be quite affected by their new mode of travel but soon returned to normal after arrival at their home.

Boys Softball League Here Going Strong

One hundred and thirty five boys of Torrance and vicinity have signed up and are playing softball in the summer playground leagues which were organized and being directed by Edimer "Red" Moon of the Torrance Recreation department. There are three leagues playing at the present time with four teams in each.

The leagues are divided into three age classifications: Midgets, 11 years and under; Juniors, 12-13 years, and the Seniors, 14-15-16 years.

Teams playing and their captains, Midgets League: Bobcats, Ross Jones; Seals, Donald Babbitt; Hawks, Jerry Best and the Tampicoos, Tony Ordez. Juniors League, Troop 218 B.S.A., Dickie McIntosh; Flying Tigers, Adolpho Grayda; Moose Juniors, Robert Buchanan and the Lion Cubs, Donald Jackson.

Senior League: Hammerton Hoboes, Bobby Snuffer; Walteria Wildcats, Lee Harline; Torrance Dodgers, Bob Chambers and the Black Widows, Victor Ordez.

Two local service clubs and one lodge are sponsoring and putting sweaters and caps on their teams, the Lions club has the Lion Cubs; the Kiwanis club, Troop 218; Lodge No. 785 L.O.M. is backing the Moose Juniors.

Scores of recent games: Midgets: Hawks 12, Seals 6; Seals 4, Bobcats 1; Hawks 7, Tampicoos 1; Seals 13, Tampicoos 12; Juniors: Lion Cubs 11, Flying Tigers 0; Seniors: Dodgers 9, Wildcats 2; Black Widows 3, Hoboes 18; Dodgers 12, Black Widows 7.

Shepherd Bros. In Second Round Softball Lead

The second round standings in the Torrance Industrial Softball League, as compiled by the Torrance Recreation Department, including games of last Monday, show the Shepherd Bros. team leading the rest of the pack with three wins and no losses. The National Supply and Sports Club teams are tied for second spot, with two wins and no losses. The Dow Chemical outfit held down fourth place, unopposed, with two wins and one loss.

The outstanding games of the past week were the Dow Sports Club battle, which was won by Dow 1-0 behind the 2 hit pitching of Sammy Totei, while pitcher Ross of Sports, also stung by his hits, allowed but four. The Dow-Callihan affair was a thriller all the way, tying at 4-4 from the fourth to the deciding eleventh inning when Dow pushed across the winning tally. Van Dyke and Totei, pitching for Dow, yielded six hits to the opponents and Thornberry throwing for the Cementers gave up a like amount.

Standings including July 15:

Team	Won	Lost
Shepherd Bros.	3	0
National Supply Co.	2	0
Sports Club	2	0
Dow Chemical Co.	2	1
Columbia Steel Co.	1	2
Raveh's Club	1	2
Shell Chemical Co.	1	2
Mead Johnson Co.	1	2
Goodyear Rubber Co.	1	0
Callihan's Cementers	0	3

STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll see an opinion wherever it may go"

GRIST FROM THE BOXING GRAPEVINE . . . During an interview with an eastern sports scribe recently, former heavyweight champion Jess Willard apparently was in a loquacious mood when he revealed: "Everyone understands my fight with Dempsey, but some do not know that Jack had concrete in his gloves the day we met under that hot Toledo sun."



A boxing journalist asked if the old giant was on friendly terms with the guy who belted him out, and Willard replied: "If you were murdered illegally by a man, you wouldn't like it. But I'm a diplomat, and am big enough to face the issue."

Still thinking of his encounter with Dempsey, Willard further volunteered: "According to the rules," the slow voice said, "a man's got no right to stand over a fallen opponent and knock him down each time he attempts to rise—like Dempsey did to me."

"The referee in the Dempsey-Tunney fight used good judgment in making Jack retire to a far corner—otherwise Gene would have been unable to get up and win his fight."

The big smile on Willard's face must have trembled when he made his final charge: "You know his hands weren't clean that day," Jess revealed for perhaps the first time. "But I don't want to say anything against the game—but his hands were not clean!"

Following this little session the Manassa Mauler was contacted for an explanation of just what did happen at Toledo 27 years ago.

Dempsey decried the concrete in the gloves, saying: "If anybody told Jess I hit him with a handful of chicken fat, he'd believe it. If he knew anything about punching he'd know that the secret is speed—not concrete. The more you load your hands the heavier they get and then you can't hit. Like Dempsey explained."

We believe Dempsey when he says, "It was nothing more than adhesive tape carefully wrapped about the knuckles," but we do wonder how the once popular champion of the prize ring knows so much about loaded gloves.

THE LIFE OF RILEY . . . One sport that does go over in Torrance is the annual Southern California Baseball Tournament played in the city park. The turn-outs to these games have always been good, with the fans traveling fifty or more miles to see their favorite clubs compete.

One thing perhaps more responsible for this than any other is the tireless efforts of the City Recreation Director Dale Riley, who is the tournament coordinator. Riley knows how to put on a good tournament, and works many hours a day and seven days a week long before and during the season play here. It is no small task, as the participating club managers will bear out.

It may be very surprising to those not acquainted with Dale, but no extra compensation is asked for by him—nor does he receive any.

Among the most respected men in the community whose judgment is taken as authority, Dale Riley has his share of headaches in bringing these events to Torrance.

Yes, the life of Riley is one of envy, but few would care to shoulder his responsibility.

Simon Pures Will Start Elimination For Diamond Belt

Harbor area eliminations for the annual Southern California A.A.U. diamond belt boxing championships will be held at the Wilmington Bowl the first week in August. It was announced this week by A.A.U. officials.

The Southern California finals, using qualifiers from 10 arenas, will be held at Hollywood Legion Stadium on Aug. 14, and the State finals at San Francisco Aug. 25.

Entries for the Harbor area event may be made at A.A.U. headquarters in Los Angeles or with Joe Craig at the Wilmington Bowl.

HADDAD IN MIDGET RACE PLUNGE AT GILMORE TONIGHT

Race driver Ed Haddad, leading the championship chase for the 1946 Pacific Coast night speedway midget car title, will be out in force tonight at Gilmore Stadium to corner his stadium "triple" for the season, and thus join Perry Grimm in this charmed circle. Grimm became the first driver to capture three 1946 main events when he beat Haddad and the field last week in the 20-lap Inglewood Sweepstakes.

The main event will be the Alhambra 30-lap Sweepstakes with Sam Hanks, Alhambra throttle smasher, the honored driver. Speedway railbirds are tabbing Duke "Rocket" Nalon as the next main event victor.

TAL Plays Club 89 Tonight In Torrance Park

The Torrance American Legion ball club, which is one of the 16 entries in the forthcoming Southern California Baseball Tournament, will take the diamond tonight in Torrance City Park against Club 89. The 89's are said to be heavy bat merchants who are also scheduled for the tournament.

TAL has acquired three new members on its roster who are not new to Torrance ball fans because of their performance here Sunday against the locals. Formerly with the San Pedro Independents, with whom they are almost single-handedly beat the Torrance nine in our own back yard, come Nello Saggiani, San Pedro high school hurler with a blazing speed ball; Bob Balena, a combination first baseman-pitcher who Sunday knocked Gar Johnson for two home runs and Nick Sladich, centerfielder who can, and does, grab anything within 200 feet of his position.

POLICE CLUB SCORES
High scores for the Torrance Police Revolver Club during the past week firing .38 caliber at the local course went to the following: L. Berry, 279; E. Ashton, 271; M. Cook, 239.

7TH ANNUAL MODEL PLANE RACES AT LAKEWOOD SUNDAY

The seventh annual National U-Control model airplane championships will be held at Lakewood Stadium in Long Beach Sunday, Aug. 4, starting at 9:30 a.m. and lasting all day.

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DEER SEASON

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